UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA INDIANAPOLIS DIVISION

In re:

AEARO TECHNOLOGIES LLC, et al.,1

Debtors.

3M OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY LLC, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

VS.

THOSE PARTIES LISTED ON APPENDIX A TO THE COMPLAINT, et al.,

Defendants.

Chapter 11

Case No. 22-02890-JJG-11

Jointly Administered

Adv. Proc. No. 22-50059

CLAIMANTS' AGREED MOTION TO EXTEND THE TIME TO RESPOND TO DEBTORS' COMPLAINT

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The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, are set forth in the *Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief*, entered by the Court for each consolidated Debtor [Bankr. ECF Nos. 37–42]. The location of the Debtors' service address for the purposes of these chapter 11 cases is 7911 Zionsville Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

Complaint, extending the time to file an appropriate motion or pleading in response to the Complaint [Adv. ECF No. 1]. In support of the relief requested, the Claimants' Counsel respectfully state as follows:

- 1. The Complaint was filed on July 26, 2022 seeking, among other things, an extension of the automatic stay pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and a preliminary injunction under section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code to enjoin all claimants listed in Appendix A of the Complaint from commencing or continuing their legal actions against 3M Company. The deadline to respond to the Complaint is August 25, 2022.
- 2. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), "the court for cause shown may at any time in its discretion . . . order the period enlarged if the request therefor is made before the expiration of the period originally prescribed or as extended by a previous order"
- 3. On August 17, 2022, the Court concluded a three-day evidentiary hearing on the Injunction Motion [Adv. ECF No. 2], after which it took the matter under advisement.
- 4. The Claimants' Counsel assert that good cause exists, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9006(b)(1), to grant an extension of the deadline to respond to the Complaint. Specifically, (a) a committee of tort claimants has not yet been formed, (b) Claimants' Counsel need additional time to coordinate with other counsel (both for the anticipated committee to be formed and other claimants' counsel) to answer or respond to the Complaint, and (c) the Court's ultimate ruling on the Injunction Motion may moot the need to answer or respond to the Complaint.
- 5. The Claimants' Counsel request is made before the expiration of the current deadline to respond to the Complaint and is not for the purpose of delay.
- 6. The Debtors' counsel has agreed to a 45-day extension, to and including October 10, 2022, and has indicated that it does not oppose an extension with respect to any other

claimants listed in Appendix A to the Complaint. Based on this representation, the Claimants' Counsel is also requesting the Court extend the deadline for all claimants listed in Appendix A to the Complaint.

7. Claimants' Counsel are requesting this initial extension by motion pursuant to S.D.Ind. B-7006-1(b) rather than by notice because the requested extension exceeds the 28-day limit set forth in S.D.Ind. B-7006-1(a).

WHEREFORE, the Claimants' Counsel request entry of an order substantially in the form attached hereto as **Exhibit A**: (i) extending the time for those listed in Appendix A to the Complaint represented by the Claimants' Counsel to file an appropriate motion or pleading in response to the Complaint to and including October 10, 2022; (ii) granting all other claimants listed in Appendix A to the Complaint similar relief; and (iii) granting all other just and proper relief.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on August 24, 2022 a copy of the foregoing *Claimants' Agreed Motion to Extend the Time to Respond to Debtors' Complaint* was filed electronically. Notice of this filing was sent to parties through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System, which includes all parties in the Core Group other than those listed below. Parties may access this filing through the Court's system.

I further certify that on August 24, 2022, a copy of the foregoing *Claimants' Agreed Motion to Extend the Time to Respond to Debtors' Complaint* was mailed by first-class U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, or electronic mail as indicated and properly addressed to the following remaining parties in the Core Group:

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